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SUBJ: VISIT OF USS VALDEZ TO LOME 16-19 FEB 1978

REF: USCOMSOLANT 011328Z FEB 78 (CITE 5050)

1. BELOW IS EMBASSY'S FIRST DRAFT OF A SCHEDULE FOR THE
VISIT OF THE VALDEZ TO LOME. ADDITIONAL EVENTS MAY BE
ADDED AND SOME AMY BE SUBJECT TO TIME CHANGES:
FEB 16:

PASSEX

0700 SHIP ARRIVES OFF PORT OF LOME. PILOT BOARDS.
0800 SHIP DOCKS AT NEW MINERAL QUAY. CONTROL OFFICER, DCM
AND DATT BOARD.
0900 CAPTAIN CALLON AMBASSADOR
0930 CAPTAIN CALLS ON COLONEL ASSILA; DCM AND DATT
ACCOMPANY
1000 CAPTAIN CALLS ON MAYOR OF LOME; DCM AND DATT ACCOMPANY
1030 CAPTAIN CALLS ON DIRECTOR OF PORT; DCM AND DATT ACCOMPANY
1100 CAPTAIN CALLS ON LT GENG; DCM AND DATT ACCOMPANY
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1130 LT GENG PAYS RETURN CALL
1200 AMBASSADOR VISIT SHIP (PRESS TO BE ASSEMBLED
TO WATCH PIPING ABOARD CEREMONY);
AMBASSADOR TOURS SHIP
1245-1300 PRESS CONFERENCE-AMBASSADOR AND CAPTAIN
(EMBASSY PROVIDES INTERPRETER)
1330 DCM'S LUNCH FOR OFFICERS *17)

1830 COCKTAILS AT NAVAL BASE
\$2000 OPTIONAL FAMILY DINNERS FOR CREW

FEB 17:

0630-0930 SPORTS ACTIVITIES (SOCCER, BASKETBALL, AND
TENNIS). SHIP SHOULD BE PREPARED TO PROVIDE SOME BEER FOR
AFTER THE GAMES.

0700 HELO DEMONSTRATION

0830-1230 TOUR OF CITY INCLUDING BREWERY

0900 DIPLOMATIC CORPS VISITS SHIP ALONG WITH
US EMBASSY LOCAL EMPLOYEES

0930 AMERICAN SCHOOL VISITS SHIP

1000-1200 TOGOLESE SCHOOLS VISIT SHIP

1200 LUNCHEON FOR VIPS AT NAVAL BASE

1230 LUNCHEON ON BOARD VALDEZ FOR TOGOLESE

SAILORS IN CREWS MESS

1400-1700 GENERAL VISITING

\$ OPTIONAL FAMILY LUNCHEONS AND DINNERS FOR THE CREW

FEB 18:

0500 G PROPOSED EXCURSION FOR 40 PERSONS TO BE PLANNED BY
TOGOLESE NAVY

0700 HELO DEMONSTRATION

0830-1230 TOUR OF CITY INCLUDING BREWERY

1230 LUNCHEON ON BOARD VALDEZ FOR VIP'S

1400-1700 GENERAL VISITING

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2000-2300 DANCE AT AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE

\$ OPTIONAL FAMILY LUNCHEONS

2. LAST YEAR THE TRIPPE MADE AVAILABLE MONEY (\$200) TO HIRE
LOCAL INTERPRETERS TO ASSIST ON BOARD DURING VISITING HOURS.
ARE FUNDS SIMILARLY AVAILABLE THIS YEAR?

3. EMBASSY PROPOSES TO HIRE LOCAL BAND FOR AMBASSADOR'S
RECEPTION IN HONOR OF THE VALDEZ. COST WILL BE ABOUT
\$200. DOES VALDEZ HAVE BUDGET WHICH WILL ENABLE IT TO
SHARE IN EXPENSES?

4. RE EXERCISE SCENARIO, EMBASSY HAS REQUESTED POLITICAL
CLEARANCE FROM PRESIDENT. MEANWHILE, TOGOLESE MILITARY
HAVE STUDIED USN PASSEX SCENARIO REF USCOMSLANT
261106Z JAN 78, WHICH THEY THINK IS GOOD. HOWEVER,
THBY HAVE DEVELOPED THEIR OWN SCENARIO WHICH THEY PREFER
TO USE. TOGOLESE SCENARIO WILL BE COMMUNICATED TO ALCON
AS SOON AS PRESIDENTIAL APPROVAL OBTAINED.

5. CAN PRESS CONFERENCE SCHEDULED FOR 1245-1300 FEB 16
BE HELD ON DECK OR IN WARDROOM? ELECTRICAL OUTLETS WILL BE

NECESSARY FOR RADIO TAPING EQUIPMENT.

6. WILL VALDEZ REQUIRE SERVICES OF SHIPS CHANDLER? IF
YES, PLEASE SEND FOOD, FUEL AND WATER REQUIREMENTS SO
EMBASSY GSO CAN BEGIN MAKING ARRANGEMENTS ON YOUR BEHALF.

7. SHOULD THE TOGOLESE MILITARY NOT RPT NOT PROPOSE AN
EVENT FOR EVENING FEB 17, EMBASSY BELIEVES VALDEZ COULD
PLAN TO HOST COCKTAILS FOR 100 ON QUAY ALONG SIDE SHIP.
DOES VALDEZ HAVE BUDGET FOR THIS PURPOSE?

8. REF USCOMSOLANT 311725Z JAN 78, THE CFA FRANC IS THE
CURRENCY OF TOGO. SINCE IT IS ALSO THE CURRENCY OF THE
IVORY COAST (VALDEZ'S NEXT STOP), EMBASSY WILL NOT BUY BACK
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FRANCS. EMBASSY EXCHANGE RATE DAILY FROM PARIS ON 1 FEB 78
236CFA- ONE DOLLAR

9. SHORE PATROL, LIBERTY PARTY, UNIFORMS, PROTOCOL,
AND AMATEUR RADIOS WILL BE DISCUSSED IN LATER MESSAGE.
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